Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Officer Involved Shooting

Report Date: 07/04/2017	Bureau/Station/Facility: Palmdale Station	Admin. Invest.? ☐	Hit? ☑

Incident Information

URN: 017-09775-2610-056	Date: 07/04/2017 Time: 1355 hours
City or Station: Palmdale	Nature of Incident: Deputy stopped the suspect for a DUI investigation. The suspect fled, and a vehicle pursuit ensued. The suspect stopped, exited, and charged the deputy with a knife when a shooting occurred.
Location: [redacted] East Avenue Q-10	

Location Type (*check one or more*):
- ☐ Backyard
- ☐ Beach
- ☐ Business
- ☐ Freeway
- ☐ Industrial
- ☐ Park
- ☐ Parking Lot
- ☑ Residence
- ☐ Rural
- ☐ School
- ☐ Street
- Other:

Lighting (*check only one*):
- ☐ Darkness
- ☑ Daylight
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Street Lights

Weather (*circle only one*):
- ☑ Clear
- ☐ Cloudy
- ☐ Fog
- ☐ Rain

Distance: 10 feet

Incident Type (*check one or more*):
- ☐ Accidental
- ☑ Armed Person
- ☑ Fleeing Suspect
- ☑ Foot Pursuit
- ☐ Gun Take Away
- ☐ Moving Vehicle
- ☐ Sniper/Ambush
- ☐ Startle
- ☐ Struggle Involved
- ☑ Traffic Stop
- ☐ Unarmed Person
- ☐ Unintentional
- ☑ Vehicle Pursuit
- ☐ Warrant Service
- ☐ Warning Shot
- Other:

Initiated by (*check only one*):
- ☐ Arrest Warrant
- ☐ Call
- ☐ Observation
- ☑ One Person Unit
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Search Warrant
- ☐ Two Person Unit

Prior Activity (*check only one*):
- ☐ Detective
- ☐ Inmate Transport
- ☐ Other
- ☑ Routine Patrol

Total # of Shots Fired by Deputy: 1

Total # of Shots Fired by Suspect: 0

Aero Unit? ☐ Canine Unit? ☐

Employee Witnesses

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (*check only one*)	ShiftType (*check only one*)
				☐ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	☐ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty
				☐ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	☐ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty
				☐ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	☐ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name: [redacted]		First Name: [redacted]		M.I.: [redacted]	
Street Address: [redacted]	City: [redacted]	Zip Code: [redacted]	Work Ph:	Home Ph: [redacted]	
Last Name: [redacted]		First Name: [redacted]		M.I.: [redacted]	
Street Address: [redacted]	City: [redacted]	Zip Code: [redacted]	Work Ph:	Home Ph: [redacted]	
Last Name:		First Name:		M.I.:	
Street Address:	City:	Zip Code:	Work Ph:	Home Ph:	

Supervisors

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	(*check one or more*)
[redacted]	Eitner	Eric	A.	☑ On Duty ☐ Present during shooting ☐ Witness to shooting ☐ Involved in shooting
				☐ On Duty ☐ Present during shooting ☐ Witness to shooting ☐ Involved in shooting

Watch Sergeant

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Baker	Michael	K.

Watch Commander

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Kneer	Dennis	M.

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Rollout Information

Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Date Submitted	Date of Recommendation
07/04/2017	1630		

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Grall	David	M.
[redacted]	Valle	Paul	S.
[redacted]	Hamil	Jeffrey	F.

Shooting / Force Information

Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton:(Control)
(BI) Baton:(Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds:(Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds:(Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds:(Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(CN) Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device:Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device:Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(SG) 37mm Stinger
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Injured

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hand
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

Brand

(AK) AK-47
(BN) Benelli
(BR) Beretta
(BW) Browning
(CH) Charter Arms
(CO) Colt
(DA) Davis Industries
(GL) Glock
(HA) Harrington & Richardson
(HI) Hi Standard
(HK) H & K
(IT) Ithica
(IV) Iver Johnson
(JE) Jennings
(LO) Lorcin
(LU) Luger
(MA) Marlin
(MO) Mossberg
(NC) NCI aka SKS
(NA) North American
(NO) Norinco
(RA) Raven
(RM) Remington
(RG) RG
(RI) RGI
(RO) Rossi
(SW) Smith & Wesson
(SR) Sturm Ruger
(SS) SIG Sauer
(ST) Sterling
(TA) Taurus
(WE) Weatherby
(WN) Winchester
(US) US Government
(YY) Handmade (Inmate)
(XX) Homemade (Non-Inmate)
(ZZ) Other Brand

Caliber

(9) 9 mm
(10) 10 mm
(12) 12 guage
(20) 20 guage
(21) .22-250
(22) .22 caliber
(23) .223 caliber
(24) .243 caliber
(25) .25 caliber
(30) .308 caliber
(35) .357 caliber
(36) 30-60 caliber
(38) .38 caliber
(40) .40 caliber
(41) .410 guage
(44) .44 caliber
(45) .45 caliber
(50) 50 mm
(SL) Slug
(WW) Other caliber

FORCE APPLIED *(one code per block)*

Used By (E# or S#)	Used Against (E# or S#)	Method (Code)	Brand (Code)	Caliber (Code)	Authorized Weapon? (Y/N)	Authorized Ammunition? (Y/N)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
S1	E1	OE						
S1	E1	OB						
E1	S1	FH	SW	9	Y	Y	GS	AD

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Officer Involved Shooting
Involved Employee Information

URN: 017-09775-2610-056

Involved Employee

E 1

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name Jacob	First Name Murray	M.I. K.
Sex: M Race: B	Rank: DSG	Unit Assignment: Palmdale	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 263F
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☐ EM ☐ PM ☑ Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #: Interviewed? ☑
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting:	Duty Time (hrs):	Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☑ Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Age: [redacted] Height: 6'00"	Weight: 195		
Range Qualification Date: [redacted]	PPC Qualification Date: [redacted]	Laser Training Date: [redacted]	
Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted]	Patrol Certification? [redacted]	Certification Unit: PLM	Prior Shootings? [redacted] Number of Prior Shootings: [redacted] Directed Force: ☐
Weapons Fired Brand: Smith & Wesson	Caliber 9mm	# Shots 1	Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber # Shots
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I. [redacted]
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I. [redacted]

E

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Rank:	Unit Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☐ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☐ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #: Interviewed? ☐
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting:	Duty Time (hrs):	Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Age: Height:	Weight:		
Range Qualification Date:	PPC Qualification Date:	Laser Training Date:	
Certified with Weapon Used? ☐	Patrol Certification? ☐	Certification Unit:	Prior Shootings? ☐ Number of Prior Shootings: Directed Force: ☐
Weapons Fired Brand:	Caliber	# Shots	Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber # Shots
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.

E

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Rank:	Unit Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☐ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☐ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #: Interviewed? ☐
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Age: Height:	Weight:		
Range Qualification Date:	PPC Qualification Date:	Laser Training Date:	
Certified with Weapon Used? ☐	Patrol Certification? ☐	Certification Unit:	Prior Shootings? ☐ Number of Prior Shootings: Directed Force: ☐
Weapons Fired Brand:	Caliber	# Shots	Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber # Shots
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.

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Suspect Information

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Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name: Lopez	First Name: Jeremias	M.I. I.
AKA Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.

Sex: M Race: H	Street Address: [redacted]	City: [redacted]	State & Zip Code: [redacted]
Work Phone: None	Home Phone: None	Social Security #: None issued	Driver's License #: [redacted]
Age: 31 D.O.B. 09/17/85	Height: 5'06" Weight: 120	FBI #: [redacted]	CII #: [redacted]
Booking # 5038585	Primary Charge: 664/187(a) PC	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☑	Substance Used: Methamphetamine & cocaine
Armed? ☑	Apprehended? ☑	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? [redacted]

Vehicle Make	Model:	Year:	Parole:	Probation:	Prior Felony Conviction:
Mitsubishi	Eclipse	2003	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

S

Last Name	First Name	M.I.
AKA Last Name	First Name	M.I.

Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐

Vehicle Make	Model:	Year:	Parole:	Probation:	Prior Felony Conviction:

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Last Name	First Name	M.I.
AKA Last Name	First Name	M.I.

Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐

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Last Name	First Name	M.I.
AKA Last Name	First Name	M.I.

Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐

Vehicle Make	Model:	Year:	Parole:	Probation:	Prior Felony Conviction:

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

INCIDENT:	**Deputy Involved Shooting - Suspect Hit/Injured**
IAB FILE NUMBER:	**SH2431214**
URN#:	**017-09775-2610-056**
DATE/TIME:	**July 4, 2017 / 1355 hours**
LOCATION:	[redacted] **East Avenue Q-10, Palmdale, CA 93550**

On July 4, 2017, an Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) Shooting Response Team comprised of Lieutenant David Grall, Sergeant Paul Valle, and Sergeant Jeffrey Hamil responded to [redacted] regarding a deputy involved shooting, resulting in a suspect being struck by gunfire. A vehicle pursuit and a foot pursuit preceded the shooting.

Lieutenant Grall verified then Palmdale Station Watch Commander, Chief Dennis Kneer, #[redacted], took reasonable steps to ensure the involved personnel did not discuss the incident with uninvolved persons prior to being interviewed by the assigned investigators. Additionally, the involved personnel did not collectively consult with their representatives and remained in the company of a supervisor until a statement was provided to the assigned investigators.

Upon the arrival of IAB investigators, an active command post and containment of the scene had been established. IAB investigators learned of the series of events which culminated into a shooting involving Deputy Murray Jacob. Additionally, Suspect Jeremias Lopez, (Suspect Lopez) sustained one gunshot wound to his left flank.

Homicide Bureau Detective Gary Sloan, #[redacted], and Detective Brant House, #[redacted], arrived and assumed control of the investigation. Information related to their investigation was documented in the Homicide Bureau investigation case book, under Uniform Report Number (URN) 017-09775-2610-056 **[Exhibit A]**.

IAB Note: **Detective Sloan provided IAB investigators several compact discs as part of his investigation. One of them contained video recordings from a closed circuit**

television system (CCTV) taken from Sam's Liquor on Palmdale Boulevard [Exhibit K]. Two (2) discs contained the audio recordings of Detective Sloan's interviews [Exhibit L], and two (2) additional discs contained all the photographs Scientific Services Bureau took of the scene [Exhibit M].

SYNOPSIS

On July 4, 2017, at approximately 1346 hours, Deputy Jacob was assigned to Palmdale Station Unit 263F, during the day shift ([redacted] hours). While conducting routine patrol in his marked black and white patrol vehicle, Deputy Jacob was stopped at the intersection of Palmdale Boulevard and 15th Street East, facing southbound, monitoring traffic. He observed a white Mitsubishi sedan traveling westbound on Palmdale Boulevard, approaching the intersection at a high rate of speed. The sedan passed a sport utility vehicle (SUV) type vehicle, and suddenly cut in front of the SUV. This abrupt maneuver caused the SUV to aggressively brake to avoid colliding into the sedan. Deputy Jacob saw the sedan was being driven by a sole male occupant (Suspect Lopez), who began yelling obscenities at the driver of the SUV, while simultaneously and aggressively extending his middle finger toward the female driver. Suspect Lopez looked toward Deputy Jacob, and extended his middle finger toward him as well.

When Suspect Lopez drove westbound on Palmdale Boulevard, Deputy Jacob followed him and elected to conduct a traffic stop of the vehicle for a Vehicle Code violation. At the Palmdale Boulevard and 12th Street East intersection, Deputy Jacob activated his overhead emergency lights and manually sounded the siren and air horn in several short bursts. Suspect Lopez slowed his vehicle, but continued to drive westbound on Palmdale Boulevard. Deputy Jacob believed Suspect Lopez was looking for a safe place to pull over, and eventually turned northbound on 10th Place East. Suspect Lopez turned westbound into a dirt field, next to the parking lot of a liquor store, and came to a stop. Deputy Jacob stopped his patrol car behind Suspect Lopez.

Deputy Jacob exited his patrol car and approached Suspect Lopez, who was still seated inside his vehicle with the engine running. Upon contact with Suspect Lopez, he was immediately uncooperative. Suspect Lopez refused to turn off the engine, as directed by Deputy Jacob, and cursed at him in Spanish. While trying to speak to Suspect Lopez, Deputy Jacob realized the suspect had the vehicle in drive, and was depressing the brake to keep the vehicle from driving away. Deputy Jacob repeatedly told Suspect Lopez to place the vehicle into park and to comply, but he refused to follow any directions. Suspect Lopez abruptly accelerated forward, spinning the rear tires in the loose dirt, and sped away at a high rate of speed nearly running over Deputy Jacob's right foot.

Deputy Jacob ran to his vehicle, broadcasted the pursuit over his station's dispatch frequency, and pursued Suspect Lopez on surface streets through the city of Palmdale. The pursuit lasted approximately two minutes and seven seconds (2:07), and ended on the front yard of [redacted] East Avenue Q-10, Palmdale. The length of the vehicle pursuit was calculated to be 1.4 miles.

IAB Note: A Pursuit Evaluation Form was prepared by Sergeant Eric Eitner, #[redacted] [Exhibit B].

Deputy Jacob stopped his patrol vehicle behind the suspect's vehicle, which was parked across the front yard. Deputy Jacob immediately exited his patrol vehicle and attempted to detain Suspect Lopez at gunpoint, who was now outside his vehicle. Deputy Jacob ordered Suspect Lopez to remain near his vehicle. Suspect Lopez ignored the commands, and began to walk toward the front of the residence. Deputy Jacob saw an unknown "shiny metal object" in Suspect Lopez' left hand. Suspect Lopez continued to ignore Deputy Jacob's multiple commands, and walked into the back yard of the property through a side gate. Deputy Jacob followed Suspect Lopez into the back yard and broadcasted his location over the dispatch frequency. Deputy Jacob feared Suspect Lopez would enter the residence and either harm the occupants, or take them as hostages. It was estimated Deputy Jacob followed Suspect Lopez for approximately sixty (60) feet, which lasted approximately twenty four (24) seconds.

IAB Note: A Foot Pursuit Evaluation Form was prepared by Sergeant Eric Eitner [Exhibit C].

Deputy Jacob continued to provide radio broadcast updates of his location and the actions of Suspect Lopez. Once in the back yard of the property, Deputy Jacob saw Suspect Lopez standing ten to fifteen feet away as he faced him. Suspect Lopez picked-up a long white board with his right hand, and began to make several jabbing motions with his left hand toward Deputy Jacob, while still holding onto a shiny metallic object. At this point, Deputy Jacob could now clearly discern the shiny metallic object to be a knife. Deputy Jacob ordered him to drop the knife and board several times, but he failed to comply. Suspect Lopez screamed and began to run toward Deputy Jacob, at which time a deputy involved shooting occurred.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S LETTER OF OPINION

The Justice System Integrity Division (JSID) of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office reviewed the shooting of Suspect Lopez by Deputy Jacob. In the letter of opinion **[Exhibit D]** dated February 5, 2020, Head Deputy District Attorney Shannon Presby concluded Deputy Jacob acted in lawful self-defense.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

Jacob, Murray K. Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
North Patrol Division, Palmdale Station

Work History

Date of Employment:	January 25, 2006
Date Assigned to Palmdale Station:	January 21, 2007
Date Completed Patrol Training:	[redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident(s):	[redacted]

Equipment Worn On Person

Deputy Jacob was wearing a long sleeve Class "A" uniform, with a gun belt. His gun belt contained a holster with his duty weapon, one magazine pouch containing two magazines, a can of Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray, two sets of handcuffs in cases, and a portable radio within a holder. A body worn camera, personally owned by Deputy Jacob, was attached to his uniform.

SUSPECT INFORMATION

Lopez, Jeremias Ismael
Male, Hispanic, DOB: September 17, 1985, 5'06", 120 pounds.
[redacted]
CII #[redacted], MAIN #[redacted], FBI #[redacted]

IAB Note: A copy of Suspect Lopez' criminal history was included in the Homicide Bureau Investigation Case Book [Exhibit A, pages 84-93].

WITNESSES


[redacted]

INJURIES

Suspect Lopez sustained a single gunshot wound to his left flank. For a detailed description of his injuries, refer to his medical records **[Exhibit E]**.

DEPUTY PERSONNEL INJURIES

No deputies were injured.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

All physical evidence was located and collected by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Scientific Services Bureau personnel. One (1) stainless steel folding knife was found in the open locked configuration, in a planter along the south side of the residence. A wooden plank, measuring 3 ½ inches wide and 65 inches long, was recovered from the brick patio in the back yard. One (1) expended 9 mm cartridge case, stamped "Luger FC 9 mm", was recovered from under the side yard patio cover. For descriptions of all the evidence collected and where it was collected, refer to the Crime Scene Investigation Reports **[Exhibit A, pages 7-16]**.

The Biological Evidence and DNA Examination Report was authored by Senior Criminalist Ellen Andrews, #[redacted], **[Exhibit A, pages 21-23]**. The Laboratory Examination Report/Forensic Alcohol Section was authored by Senior Criminalist, Forensic Alcohol Analyst Juan Apodaca, #[redacted], **[Exhibit A, page 24]**.

Two (2) sketches of the scene were created by Forensic Identification Specialist II Daniel Rosell, #[redacted] **[Exhibit A, pages 115-116]**. Crime Scene Investigation Reports were also authored by Forensic Identification Specialist II Daniel Rosell **[Exhibit A, pages 120-123]**.

The surveillance footage obtained from Sam's Liquor, 1013 East Palmdale Boulevard, **[Exhibit K]** captured Suspect Lopez driving maneuvers away from the initial traffic stop, but no aspect of the deputy involved shooting.

DISTANCE

Deputy Jacob was approximately ten to fifteen feet away from Suspect Lopez at the time of the shooting.

INVESTIGATOR OBSERVATIONS

On July 4, 2017, at approximately 1500 hours, IAB Lieutenant Grall, Sergeant Valle, and Sergeant Hamil responded to the scene, and arrived at approximately 1630 hours. Homicide Bureau Lieutenant Rodney Moore, #[redacted], conducted a briefing of the incident, and narrated an escorted walk-through of the scene.

The scene was described in detail by Homicide Bureau Detectives John Duncan, #[redacted], and Michael Valencia, #[redacted]. Their description of the scene was consistent with the initial IAB investigator's observations.

WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY JACOB

Deputy Jacob fired one round of 9 millimeter ammunition from his Smith & Wesson, Model M&P9, semiautomatic pistol. The firearm was examined by Scientific Services Bureau Senior Criminalist Amanda Davis, [redacted]. The weapon was found to be functional **[Exhibit F]**.

Prior to the shooting, Deputy Jacob qualified with his firearm on [redacted] **[Miscellaneous Documents]**.

WEAPON USED BY SUSPECT LOPEZ

Suspect Lopez was armed with a folding knife at the time of the shooting. The knife was found to be in the open locked configuration. Its total length was seven (7) inches long, and the blade was three (3) inches long.

The knife was examined by Scientific Services Bureau, Senior Criminalist Ellen Andrews, [redacted]. A DNA examination was conducted on the knife, and it was determined the DNA profile found on the knife's blade and handle matched the DNA profile obtained from Suspect Lopez. For additional information about the examination, see the DNA Examination Report **[Exhibit A, pages 21-23]**.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

None

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION AND CHARGES FILED

The criminal investigation into the shooting was handled by Detectives Sloan and House. The case was presented to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office for filing considerations. The following five criminal counts were filed against Suspect Lopez, Complaint Number MA071644: Count one, Assault with a deadly weapon on a peace officer, 245(c) PC, a felony; Count two and three, Assault with a deadly weapon on any person; 245(a)(1) PC, both felonies; Driver transport hazardous material in a motor vehicle that is required to display a placard, 2800.2 CVC, a felony; Driving under the influence of any alcoholic beverage, 23152(a) CVC, a misdemeanor.

On October 24, 2018, pursuant to a plea agreement, Suspect Lopez pled no contest to the 245(c) PC and 23152(a) CVC charges, and was placed on probation for five years. The remaining counts were dismissed due to plea negotiations. For detailed information about the court proceeding, see the Minute Order **[Exhibit G]**.

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

The scene was illuminated by daylight at 1355 hours. The weather was clear and warm.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Dispatch Frequency Review

The following is a review of some of the highlights from the Dispatch 15 recording, **[Exhibit H/Audio/Radio Traffic]**. The below listed times are not precise, and were calculated from the timestamp (automated voice) at the beginning of the recording. The SCC dispatcher will be referred to as the PRD (Public Response Dispatcher).

13:46:00 The PRD voiced a code 3 response to an assault with a deadly weapon call.

13:47:30 Unit 263F (Deputy Jacob) requested emergency traffic clearance, and requested to have the duplex patch open. The PRD activated the patch.

13:47:38 Deputy Jacob advised he was in a vehicle pursuit of a reckless DUI (driving under the influence) suspect. He gave his location and the direction he was traveling stating, "Southbound 10th Street East from Palmdale Boulevard." He requested two additional units and a supervisor to respond.

13:47:55 Deputy Jacob provided a description of the suspect's vehicle stating, "A white Mitsubishi Eclipse."

13:48:11 The PRD asked Deputy Jacob for his location.

13:48:12 Deputy Jacob gave his updated location and speed, stating, "...northbound 11th Street approaching Palmdale Boulevard, speed is 35 mph."

13:48:21 The PRD asked Deputy Jacob how many occupants were inside the suspect's vehicle.

13:48:24 Deputy Jacob advised there was only one occupant in the vehicle.

13:48:27 The PRD asked Deputy Jacob what was his speed.

13:48:30 Deputy Jacob advised they were nearing a stop sign, and said they were traveling 5 mph.

13:48:32 The PRD asked if there was a sergeant responding to the pursuit.

13:48:35	Unit 260S stated he was responding.
13:48:42	Deputy Jacob updated his location and speed and said, "...eastbound Palmdale Boulevard, in the number 2 lane, at 45 mph."
13:49:00	The PRD asked Deputy Jacob what were the traffic conditions.
13:49:02	Deputy Jacob stated the traffic conditions were moderate, and that the vehicle had entered a frontage road along Palmdale Boulevard. He also advised that the suspect's vehicle was traveling at 25 mph and had turned southbound onto Maureen Street.
13:49:31	Deputy Jacob advised they were on Q-10, approaching 17th Street.
13:49:33	The PRD repeated his location.
13:49:37	Deputy Jacob advised he was now detaining the suspect at gunpoint and stated, "...at [redacted], standby for a cross, 17th Street East."
13:49:44	The PRD said he was now detaining the suspect at gunpoint, and said his location was, "[redacted] 17th Street East."
13:49:50	The PRD asked Deputy Jacob which direction he was facing for his responding units.
13:50:04	The PRD asked Deputy Jacob again which direction he was facing for his responding units.
13:50:08	Deputy Jacob advised he was now in the backyard, and the suspect was 417A (person with a knife).
13:50:11	The PRD stated the suspect was armed with a knife and in the backyard of [redacted] 17th Street East.
13:50:20	Deputy Jacob stated, "Shots fired, shots fired."
13:50:22	The PRD advised 998 (Deputy involved in a shooting). Several patrol units stated they were responding to the location.
13:50:35	The PRD asked Deputy Jacob what was his status.
13:50:38	Deputy Jacob stated he was "Code 4" and that the suspect was down on the ground.
13:50:41	The PRD repeated that Deputy Jacob was "Code 4" and that the suspect was down on the ground.

13:50:59 Unit 260S advised he arrived to the location.

13:51:20 An unknown unit requested for the fire department to respond to the location.

STATEMENTS

The following interviews were recorded and transcribed. For more information and precise wording, see the attached verbatim interview transcriptions. The audio recordings and the transcribed interviews are submitted with the case. The following narratives contain summaries of the interviews:

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE'S STATEMENT

Deputy Murray Jacob

On July 4, 2017, Involved Employee Deputy Murray Jacob was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Detectives Sloan and House at Palmdale Station. Attorney Amy Johnson represented Deputy Jacob during the interview. Deputy Jacob was interviewed a second time on October 13, 2020, by IAB Sergeants Valle and Fisher at the IAB office. He was again represented by Attorney Amy Johnson during the IAB interview.

On July 4, 2017, Deputy Jacob was assigned to Unit 263F, during the day shift, patrolling the city of Palmdale. That day, he drove a marked patrol vehicle, while wearing a complete Class "A" uniform and fully equipped gun belt. Deputy Jacob wore his personally owned body camera, attached to the front of his uniform, over his chest. He informed both Homicide Bureau detectives and IAB investigators he did not activate his camera at any time throughout the incident. He further explained throughout the incident, he was focused on what was occurring and completely forgot he was wearing the body camera. It wasn't until Homicide Bureau detectives asked him about the camera during his interview he remembered he was wearing it.

IAB Note: Deputy Jacob stated he was given the body camera when he left his assignment at Training Bureau. Department records indicated Deputy Jacob transferred to Palmdale Station from Training Bureau on May 7, 2017.

That afternoon, Deputy Jacob drove his patrol car southbound on 15th Street East, and came to a stop at the Palmdale Boulevard intersection. As he was preparing to turn westbound on Palmdale Boulevard, he looked eastbound to clear traffic. He saw a white Mitsubishi sedan and a white SUV vehicle traveling westbound Palmdale Boulevard, approaching him. Deputy Jacob noticed the sedan was traveling at a high rate of speed, and estimated the speed to be approximately 70 miles per hour. The sedan passed the SUV and quickly cut in

front of the SUV, causing the SUV to aggressively brake to avoid colliding into the sedan. As the sedan passed in front of Deputy Jacob, he could see the driver (Suspect Lopez) was aggressively extending his middle finger upward toward the SUV's driver, and yelling obscenities at her. Suspect Lopez turned toward Deputy Jacob and held up his middle finger, yelling some type of obscenities to him as well. Deputy Jacob noticed the driver of the SUV was a female who appeared to have been frightened by the suspect's driving and aggressive behavior.

Once Suspect Lopez drove passed him, Deputy Jacob elected to conduct a traffic stop because he believed there could have been some type of "road rage" incident occurring, or he was driving impaired. If there was a "road rage" incident, Deputy Jacob believed Suspect Lopez was the more aggressive of the two drivers based on the speed he was traveling, the abrupt and unsafe lane change in front of the SUV, and by his hand gestures and yelling. Deputy Jacob turned westbound on Palmdale Boulevard after he saw the SUV come to a stop on Palmdale Boulevard, east of 15th Street East.

Deputy Jacob drove his vehicle and caught up to Suspect Lopez, who was still traveling westbound on Palmdale Boulevard, and slowed his vehicle to 25-30 miles per hour (estimated). Just east of 12th Street East, Deputy Jacob activated his emergency lights (red light to the front and flashing lights), excluding the siren. He manually sounded the siren in quick, short bursts. Suspect Lopez continued to drive westbound. Deputy Jacob noticed there were numerous vehicles parked along the north curb line of Palmdale Boulevard. It appeared Suspect Lopez was looking for a place to pull over or park, and yield to the traffic stop. Suspect Lopez' driving behavior, at that point, did not lead Deputy Jacob to believe Suspect Lopez was trying to evade him.

Suspect Lopez turned northbound on 10th Place East, then turned westbound into a dirt lot near Palmdale Alley, and came to a stop. Deputy Jacob exited his patrol car, and walked up to the driver's side door. He asked Suspect Lopez what was happening, believing a road rage incident occurred with the SUV. Suspect Lopez did not answer the question, but rather said, "Fuck you puto!", and began screaming at him in Spanish. Deputy Jacob noticed Suspect Lopez had not placed his vehicle in park, and was left in gear. Deputy Jacob motioned with his hand to place the car in park.

Suspect Lopez appeared angry and irritated. Deputy Jacob believed Suspect Lopez could be under the influence of a stimulant because of his aggressive and angry tone, and because he was ignoring Deputy Jacob's questions and orders. Suspect Lopez began revving the engine, causing Deputy Jacob to believe he was about to drive away. Deputy Jacob told him, "Don't do it;" however, Suspect Lopez accelerated forward, causing the rear tires to spin in the dirt. Deputy Jacob quickly moved back and away from the car, to keep his right foot from being run over by the rear tires.

Suspect Lopez quickly drove in a southwest direction, through a parking lot, toward Palmdale Boulevard. Deputy Jacob ran back to his patrol vehicle to chase Suspect Lopez. Deputy Jacob initially told Homicide Bureau investigators he saw two pedestrians about to walk across the parking lot, but they had to move out of Suspect Lopez' way to keep from being hit by his vehicle. During Deputy Jacob's IAB interview, and after watching surveillance video from Sam's Liquor **[Exhibit K]**, he stated he believed the pedestrians were to the rear of the business on Palmdale Boulevard. Although he did not have a clear view of the pedestrians, he heard them yell at Suspect Lopez as he sped through the parking lot. Deputy Jacob was familiar with the parking lot, and knew how busy it usually was.

Deputy Jacob drove the same path through the parking lot, and began to follow Suspect Lopez, who failed to stop for westbound Palmdale Boulevard vehicle or pedestrian traffic. Suspect Lopez failed to stop for a red light on Palmdale Boulevard and 10th Street East, and drove southbound on 10th Street East. Once Deputy Jacob was behind Suspect Lopez on 10th Street East, he activated all of the emergency lights and siren on his patrol vehicle, and notified SCC (Sheriff's Communication Center) he was involved in a vehicle pursuit of a reckless DUI suspect.

IAB investigators asked Deputy Jacob to explain what were Suspect Lopez' driving behaviors which he believed to be reckless. Deputy Jacob said there were several, and in totality, he believed Suspect Lopez was driving reckless, and possibly under the influence of an unknown substance. He initially observed Suspect Lopez traveling at a high rate of speed on Palmdale Boulevard, passing the SUV, and quickly cutting in front of it, causing the SUV to brake aggressively to avoid a collision. Deputy Jacob saw Suspect Lopez acting hostile toward the driver of the SUV and himself when he extended his middle finger, and yelled/cursed at them both while driving. Deputy Jacob further explained he believed Suspect Lopez was reckless when he approached the driver's door, and attempted to communicate with him. Suspect Lopez did not answer his questions, and merely cursed at him, appearing agitated. Suspect Lopez sped through the parking lot, disregarding the safety of pedestrians walking nearby, and entered Palmdale Boulevard without clearing the westbound traffic. Lastly, Suspect Lopez sped through a red light on Palmdale Boulevard and 10th Street East. Deputy Jacob considered all of these events, and concluded Suspect Jacob was a reckless driver, and a danger to the public. Therefore, he initiated a vehicle pursuit to stop Suspect Lopez.

Deputy Jacob further explained Suspect Lopez drove southbound on 10th Street East, turned eastbound on East Avenue Q-12, then northbound on 11th Street East. When Suspect Lopez approached Palmdale Boulevard, he failed to stop of the posted stop sign on 11th Street East and Palmdale Boulevard. Deputy Jacob noticed the traffic conditions were lighter than usual. He believed traffic was light

because it was a holiday (4th of July). Suspect Lopez drove eastbound on Palmdale Boulevard, until he entered a frontage road which paralleled the eastbound lanes. When he entered the frontage road, Suspect Lopez's rear tire collided with the raised curb. Suspect Lopez turned southbound on Maureen Street, a narrow residential street, with numerous vehicles parked on both sides. Deputy Jacob estimated Suspect Lopez was driving 40 miles per hour when the street has a 25 miles per hour limit. Deputy Jacob utilized his radio, and communicated with SCC, updating his speed and location of the pursuit.

Suspect Lopez turned eastbound on East Avenue Q-10, drove onto the front yard of [redacted] East Avenue Q-10, and came to a stop facing southeast. Deputy Jacob came to a stop behind the suspect's vehicle, and saw Suspect Lopez had exited his vehicle from the driver's side. As Deputy Jacob placed his vehicle in park, he saw Suspect Lopez was holding a shiny metallic object in his left hand. Suspect Lopez stood near the driver's door, facing Deputy Jacob, holding the object in his left hand. Deputy Jacob thought it was unusual that Suspect Lopez stood there, and did not immediately run away after being involved in a vehicle pursuit. Deputy Jacob felt nervous how Suspect Lopez stood there.

Deputy Jacob immediately exited his vehicle, and pointed his handgun at Suspect Lopez. Suspect Lopez began to slowly walk southbound, toward a gate on the north side of the property. Deputy Jacob informed SCC he was detaining Suspect Lopez at gunpoint, and gave the address of the property. After Deputy Jacob ordered Suspect Lopez to stop walking and place his hands behind his back, Suspect Lopez motioned with his right hand to come toward him. Suspect Lopez repeatedly said, "Come here, puto." Suspect Lopez walked to the gate, which led into the backyard of the location, and pulled it open. Deputy Jacob kept a distance from him, but continued to follow him into the backyard of the property.

Deputy Jacob elected to follow Suspect Lopez into the backyard to maintain an observation of the suspect's location. Deputy Jacob heard the sounds of sirens coming from responding units as they drove close to assist him; therefore, he knew help would be there soon. Deputy Jacob was afraid there were unsuspecting civilians, especially children, in the backyard of the property. He also believed there were more civilians in the area since it was a holiday, and more families were gathered together.

Suspect Lopez walked southbound through the backyard. When the suspect reached the south facing wall of the house, he turned to face Deputy Jacob. Deputy Jacob noticed the metallic object Suspect Lopez held in his left hand was a knife. Deputy Jacob informed SCC he was in the backyard of the location, and Suspect Lopez was armed with a knife. Now that Deputy Jacob could clearly see Suspect Lopez was armed with a weapon, he was afraid he could injure civilians, or take hostages.

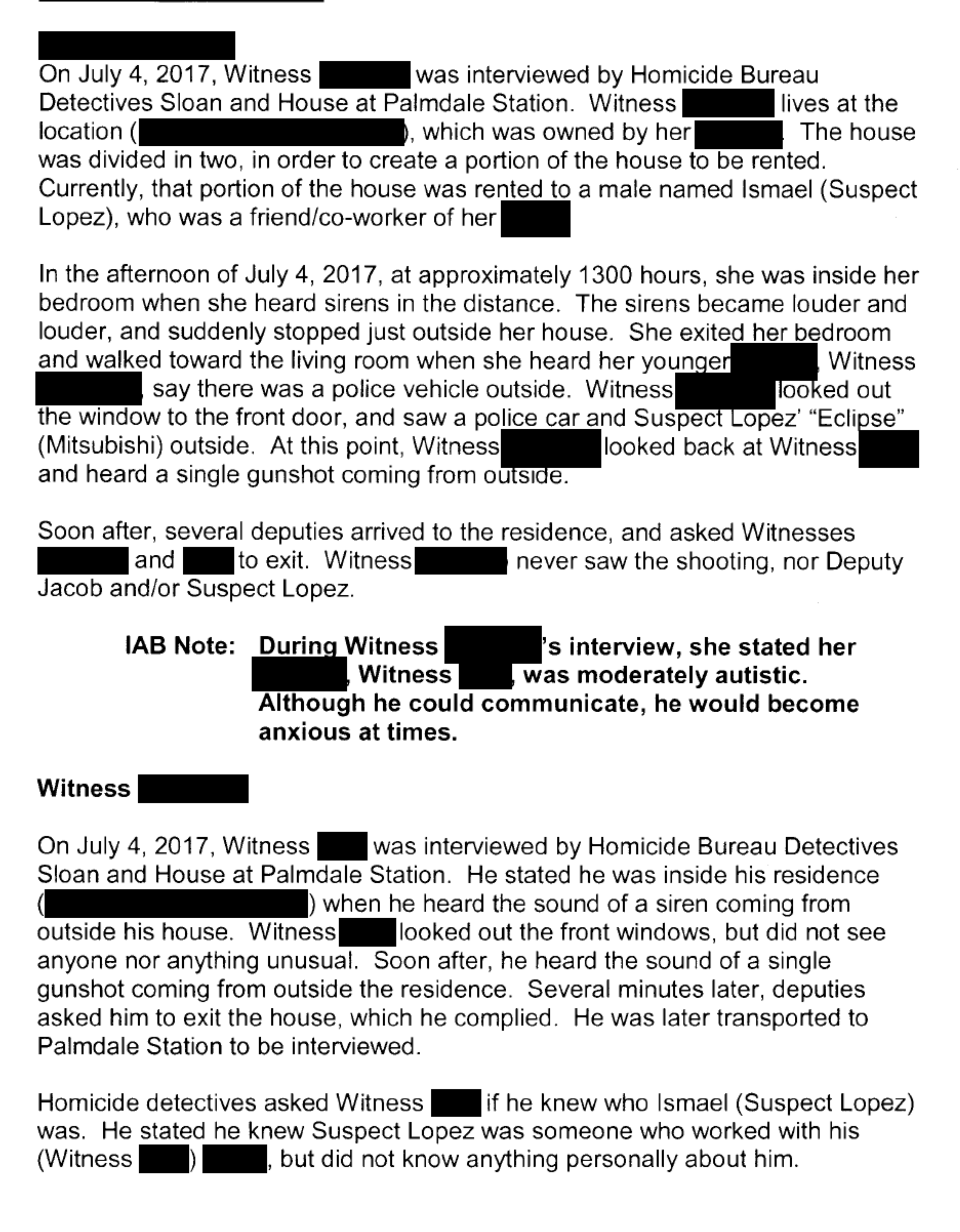
Deputy Jacob hoped Suspect Lopez would surrender, and get on ground as directed. He was not intending to approach Suspect Lopez alone, but rather he wanted to wait for his assisting units to arrive to take him into custody.

Deputy Jacob ordered Suspect Lopez to drop the knife several times, but he refused. Suspect Lopez picked up a white board from the ground with his right hand, while continuing to hold the knife in his left hand. Deputy Jacob kept 10 to 15 feet away from Suspect Lopez. Suspect Lopez took a few steps toward Deputy Jacob, while holding the knife in his left hand and with the blade pointed toward Deputy Jacob. Suspect Lopez made several jabbing motions. Deputy Jacob again ordered Suspect Lopez to drop the knife, but he refused to comply. Deputy Jacob was fearful Suspect Lopez would use the knife against him, and knew through training that people armed with knives can quickly come within stabbing distance. When Suspect Lopez came within 10 feet of Deputy Jacob, he was in fear for his life, and fired one round at the suspect, striking him in the lower abdomen.

Deputy Jacob's backdrop was a fence and a [redacted]. There were no civilians in the backyard at the time of the shooting. Deputy Jacob did not see any objects he could use for cover and/or concealment. He brought his handgun up to his eye level, aimed using the sights of the handgun, and targeted Suspect Lopez's chest. When Deputy Jacob fired, he saw Suspect Lopez react to being shot. He grabbed his abdomen with his right hand, and tossed the knife in a nearby planter. Suspect Lopez tossed the knife in the similar manner a basketball player would toss a basketball during a free throw. After he tossed the knife into the planter, he fell to the ground where he previously stood. Deputy Jacob notified SCC he was involved in a shooting. He never approached Suspect Lopez, and continued to detain him at gunpoint until assisting units arrived into the backyard.

When his assisting deputies contacted Suspect Lopez, Deputy Jacob walked around them to the planter. He looked down into the planter, and saw the knife Suspect Lopez tossed. Deputy Jacob did not participate with handcuffing, or rendering medical aid for Suspect Lopez. His fellow deputies handcuffed and began rendering aid to Suspect Lopez.

During Deputy Jacob's IAB interview, he was shown maps, a sketch, and photographs taken by Scientific Services Bureau. These items were used to help him describe portions of his interview, such as the route the vehicle pursuit traversed, the path he took to pursue Suspect Lopez into the backyard, where he was positioned during the shooting, and where pieces of evidence were found **[Exhibit I]**.



WITNESS STATEMENTS

[redacted]

On July 4, 2017, Witness [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Detectives Sloan and House at Palmdale Station. Witness [redacted] lives at the location ([redacted]), which was owned by her [redacted]. The house was divided in two, in order to create a portion of the house to be rented. Currently, that portion of the house was rented to a male named Ismael (Suspect Lopez), who was a friend/co-worker of her [redacted]

In the afternoon of July 4, 2017, at approximately 1300 hours, she was inside her bedroom when she heard sirens in the distance. The sirens became louder and louder, and suddenly stopped just outside her house. She exited her bedroom and walked toward the living room when she heard her younger [redacted], Witness [redacted], say there was a police vehicle outside. Witness [redacted] looked out the window to the front door, and saw a police car and Suspect Lopez' "Eclipse" (Mitsubishi) outside. At this point, Witness [redacted] looked back at Witness [redacted] and heard a single gunshot coming from outside.

Soon after, several deputies arrived to the residence, and asked Witnesses [redacted] and [redacted] to exit. Witness [redacted] never saw the shooting, nor Deputy Jacob and/or Suspect Lopez.

> **IAB Note: During Witness [redacted]'s interview, she stated her [redacted], Witness [redacted], was moderately autistic. Although he could communicate, he would become anxious at times.**

Witness [redacted]

On July 4, 2017, Witness [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Detectives Sloan and House at Palmdale Station. He stated he was inside his residence ([redacted]) when he heard the sound of a siren coming from outside his house. Witness [redacted] looked out the front windows, but did not see anyone nor anything unusual. Soon after, he heard the sound of a single gunshot coming from outside the residence. Several minutes later, deputies asked him to exit the house, which he complied. He was later transported to Palmdale Station to be interviewed.

Homicide detectives asked Witness [redacted] if he knew who Ismael (Suspect Lopez) was. He stated he knew Suspect Lopez was someone who worked with his (Witness [redacted]) [redacted], but did not know anything personally about him.

SUSPECT STATEMENT

Suspect Jeremias Ismael Lopez

On July 9, 2017, Suspect Lopez was discharged from Antelope Valley Medical Center, and was arrested by Homicide Bureau detectives for attempted murder of a peace officer. Suspect Lopez was transported by ambulance to the Los Angeles County Medical Center (LCMC) jail ward, and booked for the charges.

On July 10, 2017, Detectives Sloan and House responded to LCMC. They were informed Suspect Lopez was still heavily sedated, and not responding to medical staff at the time. The detectives did not attempt to re-interview Suspect Lopez.

On September 30, 2020, IAB investigators called Witness [redacted]. She stated she and her family no longer reside at [redacted] and had sold the property in August of 2019. Witness [redacted] has not seen or heard from Suspect Lopez since his arrest in July 2017. When IAB investigators asked her if she had any of Suspect Lopez' contact information, she said she did not. She was not sure if he still resided at her previous address.

On October 1, 2020, IAB investigators mailed Suspect Lopez a contact letter to his listed address ([redacted]) via United States Postal Service, Certified Letter. On October 8, 2020, the postal service delivered the Return Receipt without a signature **[Miscellaneous Documents]**. It appeared the letter was not accepted at the address.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Homicide detectives submitted Suspect Lopez' blood sample to be examined for blood alcohol analysis. Senior Criminalist Juan Apodaca, #[redacted], examined the sample, and discovered Suspect Lopez' blood alcohol concentration to be .08% **[Exhibit A, page 24]**. Suspect Lopez' blood sample also contained both amphetamines and cocaine. For additional information about the drug screening examination report, refer to **[Exhibit J]**.